

Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)
Adult Issues Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Friday, November 18, 2016
DDDS Fox Run, 2nd floor training room
2540 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear, DE
And
Teleconference
302-526-5475
Conference ID 6940783#
9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Members present at meeting location: Terri Hancharick, Committee Chair, Parent Advocate; Karen Gallagher, Self-Advocate, Committee Vice-Chair; Laura Strmel, St. John's Community Services (SJCS); Barbara Monaghan, Self-Advocate; Bill Monaghan, Self-Advocate; HarrietAnn Litwin, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

Members absent: Alvin Emory, Self-Advocate (Leave of Absence)

Members attending via teleconference: Carol Barnett, Division of Services for Aging Adults and Persons with Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD); Vivian Turner, Director- Collaborative Efforts to Reinforce Transition Success (CERTS)

Guests attending via teleconference: Ed Gootzait, Parent Advocate

Guests present at meeting location: Brigitte Hancharick, Advocate

Staff present: Kristin Cosden, Social Services Administrator, Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)

I. Call to Order: Committee Chair Terri Hancharick called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM, after noting that a quorum was present. Introductions were made around the room and on the phone.

II. Approval of Minutes: The committee voted to approve the October, 2016 minutes as written.

III. Approval of Agenda: The committee voted to approve the agenda as written.

IV. -Chair's Report: Terri shared that the 2017-2018 Legislative Agenda drafted by the Legislative Planning Committee was nearly complete. Terri stated that she will bring a copy of the final, approved Legislative Agenda to share with the committee at their next meeting. Karen Gallagher asked Terri if she had any information about personal care attendants being allowed to provide care while their client is in the hospital. Terri stated that in Delaware, this is currently

viewed by Medicaid as “double-dipping”. However, Terri stated that she recently attended a conference in Washington, DC where panelists were discussing this issue. The panelists gave the impression that it would be possible for PCAs to provide care while their client is in the hospital and still be eligible for payment. Terri stated that she will keep the committee informed if there are any future developments on this topic or if there is new information. Terri also spoke about a pilot program called “My Support”. This is an emergency backup registry of PCAs. Currently, funding is only for the pilot program, with clients of the Division of Services for Aging Adults and Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD).

V. - Staff Report: Kristin Cosden-Harvey reminded the committee that the LIFE Conference is coming up on January 25, 2017. Registration will be open until January 17, 2017 for the conference. Kristin shared that there are still sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities available as well.

VI. Current Business

A. Discussion on prioritizing the committee’s objectives

Following a committee discussion, the committee decided to work on the Sexual Education objective and the Down Syndrome/Alzheimer’s Disease objective simultaneously. With feedback from the committee, Kristin stated that she would draft a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Sexual Education objective for the committee’s review at their next meeting. The committee felt that much of the work for SA.2 and SA.3 could be done together, and suggested partnering with the DDC Children and Families Committee. The committee discussed the possibility of helping to promote the Delaware Disability Hub website as a part of their objective to increase the quality and amount of information that is available and accessible for individuals with disabilities. Terri asked if there was a possibility that the DDC would provide funding to start a Delaware Chapter of the Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE). Kristin stated that she would look into it and report back to the committee.

VII.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.